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**AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action dated April 29, 2002, the time for filing thereto being extended for one month in accordance with a Petition for Extension submitted concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In the Specification:**

Page 1, replace the paragraph inserted between lines 1 and 2 of the specification in the Preliminary Amendment dated December 12, 2000, with the following paragraph.

B<sup>1</sup>  
This application is a divisional application of Patent Application Serial Number 09/000,041 filed February 20, 1998, now allowed as U.S. Patent 6,191,255, issued February 20, 2001, which is a 371 of PCT/JP96/01956 filed July 12, 1996, currently pending.